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[0017] Figure 1 illustrates an isometric view of a contact 10 formed according to an embodiment of the present invention. The contact 10 includes a central beam 54 that generally defines a body for the contact 10. The central beam 54 is joined with rectangular end walls 14 on opposite ends thereof. The contact 10 and is generally made of a conductive material such as a copper alloy. The end walls 14 each include legs 18 divided by a gap 22. The end walls 14 have rounded retention barbs 26 on opposed outer surfaces 30. Each end wall 14 has at least one flexible contact beam 34 that projects from a top edge 38 of the end wall 14. The contact beams 34 are bent to extend toward the opposite end wall 14. As shown in Fig. 1, the contact beams 34 are oriented parallel to one another along a longitudinal axis 78 of the contact 10. Each contact beam 34 has an elbow 46 at one end that is formed with the end wall and has a contact arch 42 at an opposite end. Each contact beam 34 may be flexed about the elbow 46 in the directions of arrows A and B. The contact beams 34 extend from opposite end walls 14 and are interleaved with each other such that a contact beam 34 extending from one end wall is located between contact beams 34 extending from the other end wall 34, and vice versa.

[0021] Figure 4 illustrates an enlarged portion of the socket 80 to better show a cavity 88 and a contact 10 once loaded into the cavity 88. Each cavity 88 is oriented perpendicular to the edge 90 of the socket 80. The cavity 88 includes side walls 92 that have notches 94 cut therein. The notches 94 are arranged in pairs and aligned across from one another. The notches 94 are positioned proximate opposite ends 96 and 98 of the cavity 88. The notches 94 are arranged in pairs and aligned across from one another. The notches 94 are positioned proximate opposite ends 96 and 98 of the cavity 88. The notches 94 are configured to receive the retention barbs 26 (Fig. 1) formed along the opposite outer surfaces 30 of the end walls 14 of the contact 10. The retention barbs 26 securely engage the notches 94 to retain the contacts 10 in place.